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First Named  
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For : METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR  
PROMOTING SECURITY IN A  
COMPUTER SYSTEM EMPLOYING  
ATTACHED STORAGE DEVICES

Docket No.: S01.12-1058

Group Art Unit: 2136

Examiner: Primila  
Parthasarathy

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Sir:

Applicant appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed February 17, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-145.

**FEE STATUS**

[ ] Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is established by a verified statement previously filed on ---.

**FEE FOR FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is:

[X] other than a small entity	\$500.00
[ ] small entity	\$250.00

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

These proceedings are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

(a) [ ] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months

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<u>Extension (months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>
[ ] one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
[ ] two months	\$ 450.00	\$225.00
[ ] three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
[ ] four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

[ ] An extension for --- --- has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$--- is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$---

or

(b) [X] Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

**TOTAL FEE DUE**

The total fee due is:

Notice of Appeal fee \$500.00

Extension fee (if any) \$

**Total Fee Due \$500.00**

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Respectfully submitted,

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